WHEREAS, We believe that man was endowed by his Creator with certain inalienable rights; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that among these rights is that of Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, The light of Freedom flickers weakly in many parts of the world today, due to the misconception of those inalienable rights and the perversion of true values; and,

WHEREAS, Our nation today remains the bulwark of the free way of life; and,

WHEREAS, Sertoma International, a civic service organization and the South Dakota Sertoma Chapters have adopted, and jointly announce an annual "Freedom Week" program to elucidate and reaffirm these principles of Freedom in conjunction with the Organization's motto, "Service to Mankind";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do herebyproclaim the week of February 17 - 23, 1974, as

SERTOMA'S FREEDOM WEEK

and call upon all citizens of the State of South Dakota to reaffirm their faith in the principles of the Declaration of Independence and to rededicate themselves to the Free Way of Life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 4th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE